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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)(1)  
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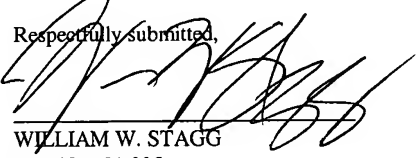
Sir:

Applicant hereby Petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the office action dated October 6, 2003 in the above identified application for one month, from November 6, 2003 to December 6, 2003, and to accept a response to that office action as timely filed if received within the extension period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(1).

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27, therefore the fee for the petition is \$55.00. A U.S. Postal Money Order in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

A small entity statement has already been filed in this application.

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